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GRAIN TARGET

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1. A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL OF DECEMBER 11, 1977, INDICATED THE CHINESE HOPE TO FULFILL THE 1956 NATIONAL PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (NPAD) GRAIN PRODUCTION TARGET OF BETWEEN 360 M.M.T. TO 375 M.M.T. BY 1980. THE ORIGINAL TARGET DATE WAS 1967. WHILE IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THE TARGET WILL BE ATTAINED BY 1980, GRAIN OUTPUT WOULD FALL FAR SHORT OF CHINA'S NEED FOR A SIZEABLE SURPLUS EVEN IF THE TARGET IS ACHIEVED. THE FOLLOWING CALCULATIONS, WHILE OVERLY SIMPLIFIED -- THE ACREAGE OF FARMLAND, THE CROPS INCLUDED IN GRAIN OUTTURN STATISTICS AND THE RATIO OF CONVERTING TUBERS TO GRAIN EQUIVALENT ARE ASSUMED TO BE THE SAME IN 1956, 1967, AND 1980 -- SHOW THAT AN OUTTURN OF 360 M.M.T. OF GRAIN IN 1967 WOULD YIELD A SURPLUS OF ABOUT 69 M.M.T. WHEREAS THE SAME OUTTURN IN 1980 WOULD BARELY MEET CHINA'S REQUIREMENTS. PER CAPITA GRAIN CONSUMPTION IS ASSUMED TO AVERAGE 300 KILOGRAMS ANNUALLY -- WHICH THE CHINESE SAY IS ADEQUATE -- BUT ACTUAL CONSUMPTION
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IS PROBABLY LESS. ALL TONNAGES REFER TO ROUGH (UNMILLED)
GRAIN AND ARE IN MILLIONS OF METRIC TONS.

	1967	1980
GRAIN OUTTURN TARGET	360.0	360.0
UTILIZATION		
CONSUMPTION	235.0 A/	302.0 B/
BALANCE	125.0	58.0

SEED	9.0 C/	14.0 D/
BALANCE	116.0	44.0
WASTE	7.0 E/	3.5 F/
BALANCE	109.0	40.5
FEED	18.0	18.0
BALANCE	91.0	22.5
INDUSTRIAL USE	21.6	21.6
SURPLUS	69.4	0.9

A/ POPULATION 784.0 MILLION X 300 KILOGRAMS PER CAPITA - 235.2

M.M.T. ROUNDED TO 235.0 M.M.T.

B/ POPULATION 1,008.0 MILLION X 300 KILOGRAMS PER CAPITA - 302.4

M.M.T. ROUNDED TO 302.0 M.M.T.

C/ 2.5 PERCENT OF OUTPUT.

D/ ASSUMED TO INCREASE TO 4.0 PERCENT OF OUTPUT BECAUSE OF
INCREASED MULTIPLE CROPPING.

E/ 2.0 PERCENT OF OUTPUT.

F/ 1.0 PERCENT OF OUTPUT.

G/ 5.0 PERCENT OF OUTPUT.

H/ 6.0 PERCENT OF OUTPUT.

2. IF THE CHINESE ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN A GROWTH RATE
OF 5.0 PERCENT ANNUALLY THROUGH 1980 -- WHICH WE BELIEVE IS THE
MAXIMUM THAT CAN POSSIBLY BE ATTAINED -- GRAIN PRODUCTION WOULD
REACH ABOUT 330.0 M.M.T. CONSUMPTION, SEED, AND WASTE WOULD
ABSORB ALMOST 320.0 M.M.T., LEAVING A BALANCE OF ONLY 10.0
M.M.T. FOR ALL OTHER USES.

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